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LEFTY O'DOUL BRIDGE SHUT FOR REPAIRS

Third St. to Downtown? Not for a While

Potrero Hill residents who routinely use Third Street as a shortcut to get to downtown, the financial district, or the Embarcadero, will have to change that routine for the next few months.

The Francis "Lefty" O'Doul Bridge (Third Street Bridge) in China Basin was closed in mid-July and will remain closed for approximately 15 weeks while seismic retrofit and other rehabilitation work take place.

Although it is no coincidence that this work is a prelude to the opening of the Giants new ballpark nearby, the bridge has been in need of repair for some time.

Over the past 65 years, the bridge has been corroded by exposure to marine elements. Studies conducted two years ago demonstrated the need for rehabilitation and seismic retrofit to bring the bridge up to current code.

The project consists of replacing severely corroded steel members, replacement of the south approach spans, replacement of outdated mechanical and electrical equipment and repainting of all metal work using original colors. It also covers strengthening truss members and modifying support bearings to improve the bridge's resistance to seismic forces.

Also included in this project are traffic improvements, including new traffic lights on Third Street at Berry

and King Streets and China Basin (Terry Francois) Blvd., and four new permanent electronic message signs giving motorists information about the accessibility of the drawbridge.

Also planned is construction of a new Operator House at the southeast corner of the bridge, restoration of the existing wharf on the southwest side of Third

Street. It is expected, the Dept. of Public Works notes, that there will also be minor lead abatement from paint removal on the bridge.

Designed by engineer Joseph Strauss, the 66-year-old bridge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The bridge is actually two structures, a bascule style bridge that rises over the

Mission Creek Channel and a pile supported by the north approach to the waterway.

The bridge opens approximately 12 times per day during the summer months to let various boats sail underneath. The channel will be closed to marine traffic from December 1, 1999 until January 31, 2000.

Potrero Hill Parking Permit Petition Making its Way Through City Channels

Petitions that were circulated last year to provide preferential parking for Hill residents are continuing through the lengthy process at the Department of Parking & Traffic (DPT).

When the process is completed, residents who wish to pay \$27 per vehicle to purchase a sticker to display on their car will be exempt from any time limits that will be set to discourage those attending games at the new ball park from parking on the Hill.

Longtime Potrero Hill resident Babette Drefke, who has been spearheading the parking permit effort, told *The View* that more than 300 signatures were gathered on petitions from 30 blocks on the hill. Petitions were turned over to the DPT in May.

The DPT has finished their survey of the blocks involved and has forwarded their findings to the State Dept. of Motor Vehicles, which will do another survey.

The process continues through several

more city departments, but petition supporters hope that all entities will have approved the petitions by the time that the new ballpark opens in April, 2000.

Drefke, who is also a participant in the continuing meetings with the Giants about what the traffic situation will be when the ballpark opens, reports that the Giants are issuing flyers to discourage private transportation and posting signs to discourage traffic flow through the neighborhoods.

— C.P.

GETTING INVOLVED

ROSES (Residents of the Southeast Sector) meets the first Thursday of each month (Aug. 5) with members of the San Francisco Police Dept. to discuss issues of public concern. The Forum takes place at 7 p.m. in the Community Facility downstairs at 1800 Oakdale at Phelps. This month's meeting — co-hosted with the San Francisco Foundation and the New Bay View Merchants Assn. — will focus on district elections, which will change the current at-large (citywide) supervisorial elections. Representatives from a large number of community organizations will share their views with ROSES. Refreshments will be served after the forum.

Potrero Hill Health Center Advisory Board meets the second Monday of the month (Aug. 9) from 6-7 p.m. Meetings, held at the Center at 1050 Wisconsin St., are open to the public. The August meeting will feature Jeni Murphy, director of Primary Health Care for San Francisco. She will review with the Advisory Board of the S.F. Health Dept. budget. Refreshments to follow.

Potrero Hill Democratic Club meets the second Tuesday of each month (Aug. 10). The meetings start at 7 p.m. at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro. This month's discussion will focus on the club's endorsement for the coming elections. For more info call Bob Boileau, 826-6359.

Starr King Park Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday evening of each odd-numbered month (next meeting: Sept. 8) at 7 p.m. in the Potrero Hill Library upstairs meeting room, 1616-20th St. The Saturday work parties (11 a.m. until noon) will continue every month on the third Saturday of the month (Aug. 21). The park is located at Carolina and 23rd Streets.

PLAN (Potrero League of Active Neighbors) meets in executive session only. Anyone wishing to raise an issue for consideration by the board may phone Elizabeth at 826-6359.

Potrero Hill Boosters Neighborhood Association meets the last Tuesday of the month (Aug. 31) at 7:30 p.m. in the Potrero Hill Library, 1616-20th Street. For details, please call Dick Millet at 861-0345.

Potrero Hill Garden Club meets the last Sunday of the month (Aug. 29) at 11 a.m. for a potluck brunch in a local home or garden. Informal discussion will be held on a variety of subjects relating to organic, edible or ornamental gardening appropriate for Potrero Hill's particular mini-climate. Please call 648-6740 for details.

Potrero Hill Merchants Association meets the second Tuesday of each month (Aug. 10) at Goat Hill Pizza, 309 Connecticut St.



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Business Eviction

Editor:

I am a native San Franciscan and Potrero Hill resident who has been operating a business South of Market which was started here on Natoma and Lafayette Streets in 1978. I bought the business in 1987 and my name has been on the lease since. Recently the building in which I house my business has been sold to a new owner which is now called "1050 Natoma Associates LLC." I have been given notice to vacate the building in 90 days. The new landlord has not responded to my requests to renew the lease nor has he told me what his plans are with the building. I have simply been told that my lease is up and that after 21 years in the same location it is time for my business to move.

In response to Examiner writer Penny Wallace's "First Person" article July 2, 1999 - If the Residential Builders Assn. can claim they have never evicted anyone from a property which they have developed I would guess that two things may be at play here. They may not regard a notice to vacate as an eviction notice, especially if the tenant moves without incident on or before the lease expires. Staying longer than their lease allows can lead to lawyers' fees if not a lockout and can become not only costly but damaging to a business. Please correct me if that is not true.

Another thing (and I can only suspect this) is that construction companies can operate under many different names. A statement as bold as saying that they never evicted a tenant is one which could only be believed after a full disclosure. They make this statement because they need to defend themselves.

Remember they are not on trial here. They are doing nothing illegal. What they do is with the approval of the San Francisco Planning Department and the Office of Mayor Willie Brown. They can say whatever they want and as long as the readers believe it they will go on doing what they have been doing, displacing small businesses and demolishing what little is left of our history.

The wooden warehouse where I have worked for 21 years has some features which should probably be archived. The entire 4,000 square foot floor is unique. It is made of old heartwood cut to three inch lengths standing on their ends. The wooden buttressed ceiling spanning the entire building is also unique for the area. Before my acrylic fabrication shop occupied the premises it was a shop from which most of the downtown elevators were serviced and repaired. Wherever my business moves to, I have formed many friendships on Natoma Street and will follow closely what will happen to 1050 Natoma. If it is demolished the impact would be great.

Michael Gemignani
Natoma Street

District Elections

Dear Residents of Bay View Hunters Point, Visitacion Valley and Potrero Hill:

On August 5, 1999, R.O.S.E.S., The San Francisco Foundation and the New Bay View Merchants Assn. will host a presentation and discussion on District Elections. You are invited to attend this presentation to learn what district elections might mean for you, especially if you live in either the Bay View Hunters Point, Visitacion Valley or Potrero Hill neighborhoods. Of the 11 districts that were created under this new system, these three neighborhoods have been combined to form District 10.

How was the decision to group these three neighborhoods made? When and why did the voters of the City decide to abandon the current at-large electoral system in favor of district elections? What are the issues these three neighborhoods share? These are some of the questions the presentation on District Elections will attempt to answer.

Over the last several months, a small group of individuals representing community organization have been meeting at The San Francisco Foundation to discuss how information related to District Elections could be made available to the larger community. Some of these groups include the League of Women Voters, Chinese for Affirmative Action, the Northern California Coalition for Immigrant Rights, the League of Volunteers and the Center for Voting and Democracy.

Our presentation in District 10 is an experiment. If we are successful in informing the community and stimulating conversation across neighborhood lines, we will likely attempt this in other neighborhoods of the City.

Join us on August 5, 1999 at the Southeast Community Center, where you will learn about District Elections and how this change in the way we vote might affect you. As usual the R.O.S.E.S. program will begin at 7 p.m. with the Captain's Report. The District Elections presentation will follow immediately.

Herb Castillo
The San Francisco Foundation

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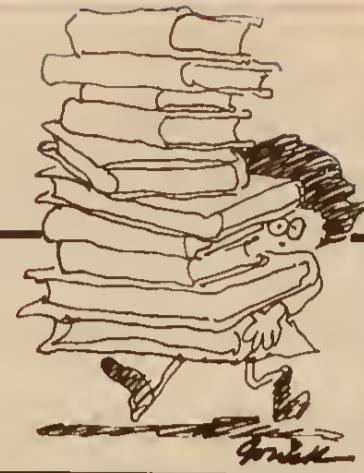
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LAST CALL FOR SUMMER READING CLUB!

If the child in your life is one of the few on Potrero Hill who has not yet signed up for or participated in this year's Summer Reading Program, it is not too late. The program ends on August 7, and new members are welcome to join their friends and neighbors who have been receiving prizes for every two hours of reading completed. Those who have finished eight hours may choose a pair of tickets to a Giants game, a book to take home, a pair of tickets to a Bay Area museum or the zoo or even a yo-yo!

JAY THE JUGGLER HEADLINES READING AWARD CEREMONY

On Saturday, August 21 at 4 p.m., the library will host an awards ceremony in which all the children who participated in the Summer Reading Club will receive certificates. Prizes will be awarded to those five readers who have logged the most hours. Jay the Juggler is the featured performer at the awards ceremony. Jay will teach children to juggle and will juggle items you'd have never imagined were jugglable. Join us for this end-of-summer extravaganza, but don't miss...

WORD FOR WORD

On Saturday, August 7, at 4 p.m., the performing arts company, Word for Word, returns to Potrero Library, this time to entertain younger audiences with a rendering of the children's story, "The Devil and His Three Golden Hairs," a Brothers Grimm fairy tale. If you or the child in your life hasn't seen Word for Word, this is a chance to catch a very fine performance of literature which comes to life word for word.

SCHOOL LIBRARY SLATED FOR DANIEL WEBSTER SCHOOL

Thanks to the work of the Potrero Hill Parents Assn., a school library is going to have a home in the auditorium/cafeteria space at Daniel Webster Elementary School. The previous library was displaced by a classroom several years ago when smaller class size restrictions were instituted. Anyone interested in donating materials to the new library should contact the Principal, David Wong, or David Matsuda of the Potrero Hill Parents Assn. at 285-6817.

SCHOOL VISITS

Teachers who have been instructed by their principals to visit the library with their class should be sure to schedule the visit in advance. The library discourages unscheduled walk-in visits of large numbers of children because those visits may conflict with other on-going scheduled activities or there may not be adequate staff to offer the kind of library visit that every child in a large group deserves.

We appreciate your cooperation, and would like to discuss with you when we may visit your classroom. Both visits to the library and visits from the librarian to your class reinforce children's relationship with their neighborhood library branch.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Infant and Toddler Lapsit takes place on at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays, August 19 and 26. Pre-school Story Time takes place at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, August 4, 18, and 25. The film "Mufaro's

"Beautiful Daughter" will be shown on Tuesday, August 3, at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, August 4, at 7 p.m. Please remember that the material at each lapsit and story time program is selected based on the age of the audience. Younger children attending older children's story time may distract older children—and vice versa.

770 DE HARO BOASTS STANDING ROOM ONLY

Rave reviews go out to the Potrero Hill children who performed "The Haunted Mouse" in the garage at 770 DeHaro Street recently. The garage door was the stage's curtain, and the somewhat sloping driveway was transformed into a perfect standing-room-only audience space. The cast was enthusiastic and quite energetic, and the costumes were nothing if not imaginative. We were told that the cast wrote its own script.

We also overheard the owner of the property commenting that the exterior of the house needs painting. We have a suggestion: Why not hire a painting crew from Local 16 (the painters who paint scenery at San Francisco Opera House and other commercial theaters) to transform the garage door into a sumptuous stage curtain in anticipation of next year's extravaganza? Is there a grant writer in the house?

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER

* Cornwell, John. "Hitler's Pope: The Secret History of Pius XII." Pacelli, Pius XII, was pope from 1939-1958. Cornwell cites new research and uses exclusive access to the Vatican and Jesuit archives to document the accord between Pope Pius XII and Hitler.

* McCourt, Frank. "Tis: A Memoir." The sequel to "Angela's Ashes," this is the story of McCourt's climb from impoverished immigrant to raconteur and school teacher, and how through the vehicle of storytelling, the author finds a life for himself.

* Sampson, Anthony. "Mandela: The Authorized Biography." Sampson's book covers Nelson Mandela's entire life—his rural childhood, his gradual politicization, the prison years and his political and personal breaking of relations with Winnie Mandela.

* Terkel, Studs. "The Spectator: Talk about movies and plays with those who made them." The Spectator takes a close-up look at the actors, directors, playwrights, dancers, lyricists and others who contributed to the performing arts of the last century.

* Franklin, Aretha and David Ritz. "From These Roots." Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul, tells her extraordinary story.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER FOR CHILDREN

* Ada, Alma Flor. "Yours Truly, Goldilocks"

* Barrett, Judi. "Old MacDonald Had an Apartment House"

* Bornstein, Ruth Lercher. "The Dancing Man"

* Bush, Timothy. "Benjamin McFadden and the Robot Babysitter"

* Layton, Neal. "Smile if You're Human"

Toba Singer
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TEN YEARS AGO

In The View

HILL PROJECT TENANTS JOIN TOGETHER FOR IMPROVEMENTS

An active core of residents was organizing to pressure the Housing Authority to take steps to improve the maintenance of the project, including plumbing repairs, grass and weed removal, outdoor lighting, broken windows, and units that need painting and carpentry work.

ROARING TWENTIES GALA MARKS MAXWELL'S SEVENTIETH

On Saturday, August 26, the Neighborhood House was transformed into a replica of a 1920's speakeasy and cabaret to celebrate the 70th birthday of Enola Maxwell, Executive Director of the House since 1977. Admission charges went to benefit the Neighborhood House Scholarship Fund and other community programs.

A WEDDING AT THE NABE

On July 29, 1989 Potrero Hill native Marc Passen married Dianne Downey at the Neighborhood House. Marc is the son of Ruth Passen, editor of The Potrero View.

OPEN HOURS AT THE LIBRARY

The Library Commission yielded to pressure and decided not to close the Potrero Branch's open hours on Saturday. It was pointed out that Saturday is the only time many working people who live on the Hill could use the library.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NOW OPEN

The Potrero Hill Child Development Center opened at 824 Carolina Street, under the direction of Dr. Marjorie Harris-Cuffey. The Center was licensed for 34 children, 2½ to five years old, who must be toilet-trained.

OMEGA FRESHMAN LOOKS AT HER FIRST COLLEGE YEAR

Nineteen year old Chevron Hunter entered college in fall, 1988, and has kept in close contact with Omega Boys and Girls Club founders Jack Jacqua and Joe Marshall, who supported her ambitions to further her education. Hunter was an all-city basketball star at Woodrow Wilson High School, and won an athletic scholarship to Delaware State College ... where she majored in criminal justice.

SF STUDY TO ASSESS HELIPORT NEED

After years of debate about a heliport on the central waterfront, an FAA-funded study was underway to assess the feasibility of Tiltrotor technology in intercity transportation. Also under discussion was the implementation of a helipad for emergency medical use.

THREE HILL ARTISTS TO SHOW AT PRESTIGIOUS CRAFT FAIR

Doug Anderson, a ceramicist, Julie Mira Berniker, who knits one-of-a-kind sweaters, and Ahna, who designs and fabricates reversible neckties in bold primary colors, were among 12 from San Francisco whose work was chosen in the juried competition, for display at the Pacific States Craft Fair at Fort Mason.

NEW LIFE FOR POTRERO HILL CLINIC IN PRIMARY CARE NETWORK

The Caleb Clark Potrero Hill Health Center was officially transferred ten years ago from S.F. General Hospital's budget to another Dept. of Public Health Division, Community Public Health Services, offering front-line, office-based health care, as opposed to subspecialty-oriented, hospital-based, secondary health care or intensive tertiary care.

AND TWENTY YEARS AGO

Dogpatch residents banded together to do a city job themselves, picking up paper, branches, broken glass and scrap wood that the Dept. of Public Works had failed to clear from the streets ... John Drocco started work as a firefighter at the Wisconsin Street station in 1957 and was still there 22 years later ... teenagers worked in preparing the July 1979 edition of the Potrero View ... Enola D. Maxwell was a candidate for Supervisor from District 7 ... The View put out a call for reporters who were "willing to ask tough questions." Their difficult-to-resist incentives: "The work is hard, the pay is non-existent, the satisfaction is immense." The same conditions prevail today.

- Bernie Gershater



Potrero Hill Neighborhood House

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Enola D. Maxwell, Executive Director

ON-GOING MEETINGS:

Al-Anon	Thursdays, 6:30 pm
Alcoholics Anonymous	Sun, Mon 8:00 pm/Thurs, 8:30 pm
Girls/Boys Club	Mondays, 4:00 pm
Narcotics Anonymous	Wednesdays, 8:00 pm
Omega Boys Club	Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

FACILITIES:

Auditorium for theatre presentations, lectures, weddings, workshops and receptions
 Bulletin board with employment and event listings
 Gymnasium and recreational space
 Meeting spaces available for use by community groups
 Mini-park

ACTIVITIES & SERVICES:

- After School/Summer Youth Activities
- Arts and Crafts
- Food Distribution
- Gang Prevention
- Girls/Boys Club
- Graffiti Paint Out
- Juvenile Probation
- Home Supervision
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- MET Theatre Ensemble
- Senior Nutrition Program
- Social Development Center
- Tutoring Program
- Youth Employment MYEEP/SYETP Job Readiness
- ZAP Project (substance abuse day treatment for adolescents)

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 The NABE is wheelchair accessible. If you have the need for the services of a certified American Sign Language interpreter, or a sound enhancement system, or meeting in an alternative format please contact (415) 826-8080 at least three working days prior

Workshops Set On Landscape Issues at UCSF Mission Bay

Potrero Hill residents are being invited to participate in the planning and design of the UCSF Mission Bay Campus Phase I landscaping plan.

Over the next few months, a series of three meetings is being held to solicit public input on the plan. The first of those meetings was held July 22 to obtain community input regarding Mission Bay campus landscape preferences and concerns.

The second meeting is currently planned for Thursday, August 19 to obtain feedback on the alternatives that will be developed from the input received at the first meeting. This feedback will help the Steering Committee select a preferred alternative, which the consultants will then refine into a preliminary plan.

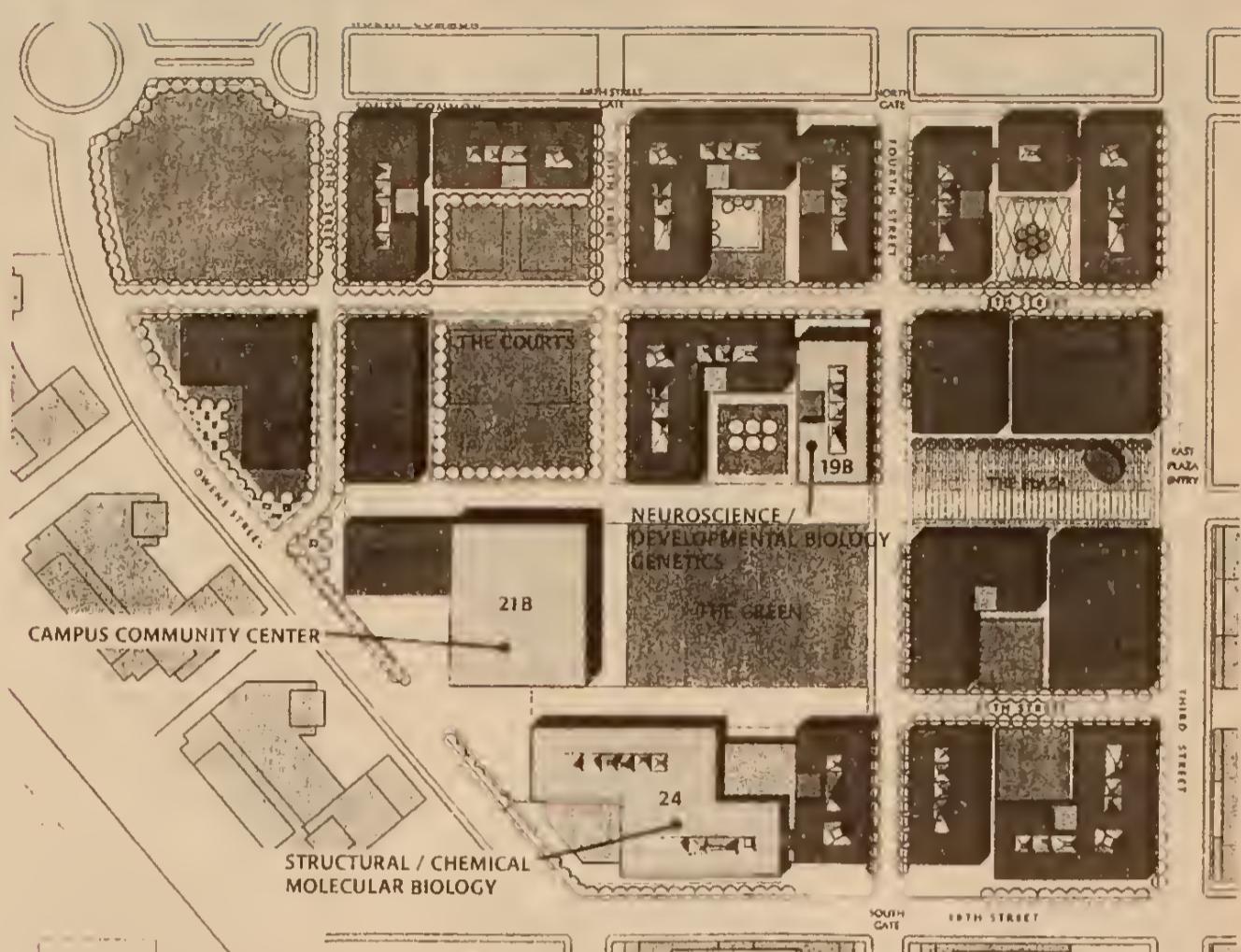
The third meeting, presently slated for Thursday, Sept. 30, will allow comment on this preliminary plan for further refinement by the consultants.

The specific goals of this planning and design process are to build consensus in the following areas:

- Overall landscape and urban design character of the campus
- Design and use of the Green
- Programming of the Courts
- Landscape and urban design character of additional, specific areas in Phase I, including the south half of the Plaza, 20-foot setbacks along 16th and Owens Streets, public and private campus streets, interim parking lots and other areas determined to be appropriate.

UCSF and the Bay Area Life Sciences Alliance have formed the USSF/Mission Bay Campus (UMBC) to assist in the development of the new campus, including the landscaping of streets, pedestrian corridors, open spaces and other areas.

Anyone with specific questions about the process may call Judy deReus at the UCSF Planning Office, 476-2911, or with general questions, Orlando Elizondo, UCSF Community Relations Representative, at 476-3206.



**Mission Bay Phase 1
Preliminary Campus Development Plan**

University of California, San Francisco

August 21 Workshop to Make Tiles For Nabe's New Learning Garden

All interested people are invited to participate in a hands-on workshop that will take place on Saturday, August 21, at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to make game table surfaces using clay and mosaic tile for the Neighborhood House's new Playground and Learning Garden.

Drawings of the overall project will be displayed as well.

The renovation of the Nabe's playground space is a joint effort of students at the California College of Arts and Crafts (CCAC), eighth graders at the

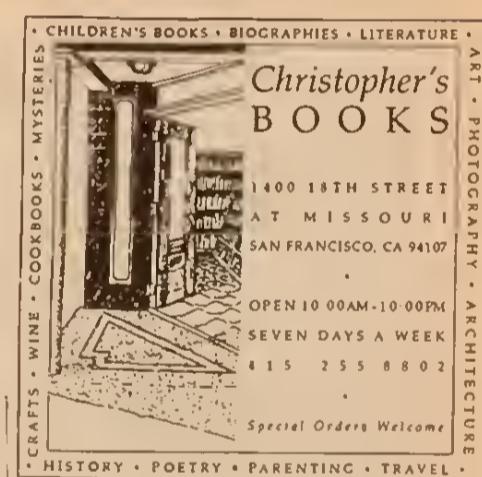
Potrero Hill Middle School, and the Potrero Nuevo Fund.

The August 21 session is the fourth of several bi-monthly community workshops focused on fabricating various play and learning elements for the project. So far the sessions have produced a mosaic map of San Francisco, periscopes, and root boxes.

The Neighborhood House is located at the corner of De Haro Street and Southern Heights. For further information, please call John Bass at 824-5978.

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MUSIC, COMEDY, CELEBRATION

Potrero Hill Festival Slated for Evening of October 23

On Saturday, October 23, the Potrero Hill Merchants Assn. will be sponsoring an evening festival that combines music, comedy and dance in a fund-raiser for the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House.

The evening will begin with a VIP reception and birthday celebration for Enola D. Maxwell, Executive Director

of the Neighborhood House, at 7 p.m. Catering for the event will be provided by many Potrero Hill restaurants. Admission to the birthday celebration and reception will be \$80 in recognition of Maxwell's 80th birthday.

Beginning at 9 p.m. that evening 13 separate Potrero Hill venues will pro-

vide the evening's entertainment. Headlining this year's festival at the Neighborhood House will be Luvay Smith and her Red Hot Skillet Lickers.

Other participating venues include: Bloom's, Bottom of the Hill, Cafe Cocomo, Connecticut Yankee, Farley's, Garibaldi's Restaurant, Goat Hill Pizza, Il Pirata, Kelly's Mission Rock, Lilo Lounge, the Ramp and World Gym.

Types of music offered at the various venues will include swing, salsa, reggae, rock, blues and jazz. Motorized cable cars will run along a designated route

and transport people to and from all the venues.

Admission to the VIP reception at the Nabe is \$80, and those in attendance will also receive a Festival '99 "club pass," which will allow the holder access to all of the evening's music and entertainment venues.

The cover charge at each venue will vary, depending upon the entertainment offered. People will also have the option of purchasing a \$20 festival "club pass."

For ticket and event information call (415) 621-4455. For all other inquiries contact Laurie Karp at (510) 532-7700.

SAFE Program Offers Some Key Precautions

Several neighbors have recently reported this scam, which you could encounter yourself:

A man knocking on doors falsely representing himself as Neighborhood Watch member, introduces himself as Jim or Jimmy and may mention his wife Renee in the conversation. He will describe a scenario in which he claims to have seen someone sleeping on your doorstep or jumping over a fence into your backyard. After some friendly discussion, he will ask you to pledge \$10 to \$15 to sponsor his child's youth activity. He has been described as a white or Latin male, medium build, with very poor dental hygiene.

* Do not grant anyone access to your home or personal information. All exterior doors should have 180° peephole viewers or other method of determining who is at the door. Chains which allow the door to open partially are not recommended, as they are very easy to break.

* Post a "No Soliciting" sign, or ask solicitors (through the door) to leave in-

formation at the door, that you'll read later.

* Check carefully the identification of all delivery people, repairpersons, etc. If you don't have a peephole viewer, ask them to pass their I.D. under the door. Note that most utility repairpersons will call before arriving. If you are at all suspicious, call their company to confirm their identity. If you do not feel comfortable having a person, however legitimate, in your home while you are alone, ask them to return later, and plan to have a neighbor or family member with you.

* If a person refuses to show you identification, threatens you or otherwise acts suspiciously, call the police at 553-0123 (or 9-1-1 in an emergency). Try to give a detailed description of the person and any vehicle. The police need a good description in order to find and arrest or question a suspect.

This alert is provided by San Francisco SAFE, Inc., the city-wide crime prevention organization. For more information call SAFE at 553-1984.

- Pam Matsuda

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FIGURE DRAWING

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FORMER HILL RESIDENT

Friends Mourn Dave Sarvis, Theater Director, Activist

Dave Sarvis, a former Potrero Hill resident well known for his work in the theater and his commitment to social activism, died June 27 of congestive heart failure at the age of 86.

He was born in Nanking, China to missionary parents and returned to the U.S. at age 13. By his own account, it was the human suffering in China, which he had witnessed as a child, along with the awareness of his privileged position as a "protected" foreigner there, that kindled the political consciousness and sense of social responsibility that endured through his life.

Sarvis attended Yale University (where at one point he shared a loft with Paul Robeson), and at age 22 illustrated what became a standard text for theatrical costume designers, "Historic Costume for the Stage," by Lucie Barton. His early theatrical career was interrupted by World War II, in which he served in the Pacific as Captain in the Japanese Language Combat intelligence section of the Marine Corps.

Following the war, he moved to Los Angeles, where he was active in political theater and where he met and married actress (and now Potrero View staff member) Winifred Mann. The couple moved to San Francisco, where their children, Deborah and Paul, were born. The family soon settled on Potrero Hill, both children graduating from Daniel Webster Elementary School.

Sarvis soon became the driving force behind the Labor Theater of the California Labor School. His first major production, "Stevedore," a 1930s play by Paul Peters and George Sklar, brought members of the waterfront union onto the stage.

He also drew on other sectors of the progressive community for actors in his presentations of Irwin Shaw's strong anti-war drama, "Bury the Dead," and a then-contemporary musical satire titled "What's Left." In those and other efforts,

he made a unique contribution to Bay Area theater.

At the height of the McCarthy Era, Sarvis appeared in "Salt of the Earth," then a politically controversial film about a miners' strike in New Mexico, which emphasized both labor and women's rights issues. Although critically acclaimed, the film was buried for decades, but has experienced a recent revival in art houses and college campuses and was even part of the May Day lineup on the Turner Classic Movies (TCM) channel earlier this year.

In 1951, Sarvis was an "unfriendly witness" who refused to name names before the House Committee on Un-American Activities during their sessions in San Francisco. During that period he continued to direct plays at the San Francisco Interplayers and the Actors' Workshop, in which Mann had become a leading member of the acting company.

In addition to his theatrical contributions, Sarvis worked for more than 20 years as an engineer and designer, and is remembered by family and friends for his sometimes eccentric home improvements, sculpture, mechanical contraptions, masks, storage devices and art work.

Sarvis' marriage to Winifred Mann ended in 1961 and in 1963 he married San Francisco dancer, teacher and choreographer Gloria Unti. The two founded the Performing Arts Workshop and moved to Marin County, where he continued to direct theater and remained active in social causes.

Sarvis is survived by his wife Gloria, four children, Paul Sarvis of Portland, Maine; Deborah Sarvis McNeil of Mill Valley; Carla Sarvis of San Francisco, and Gary Draper of Mill Valley, five grandchildren, and his beloved dog, Mitzi.

The family requests that donations in Sarvis' memory be made to the Marin Interfaith Task Force in San Rafael.



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SUMMER FESTIVAL ON THE HILL, sponsored by Goat Hall Productions, presents a Mozart Master Class presentation of "Così Fan Tutte," fully staged performances in English, Saturdays at 8 p.m., August 7, 14, 21 and 28, Sundays at 5 p.m., August 22 and 29, at Goat Hall, 400 Missouri at 19th. Tickets are \$12 adults/\$10 seniors/students. There will be a special workshop performance on August 26 at 8 p.m., and a Così Cabaret Mozart Open Mike, on August 8 at 5 p.m. Bring your "Così" scores, voices, instruments and have a great time with members of the Mozart master Class. Call 415-289-6877.

JOSEPH CHOWNING GALLERY presents "Gotas de Sangre," an exhibition of watercolors from Baja California, by Eduardo Carrillo, August 3 through September 30. A reception will be held between 2 and 4 p.m. on Aug. 14. 1717 - 17th St.

CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO offers Labor Studies Credit Classes for Fall 1999, starting August 21 and ending December 22. Cost is \$12 per unit, plus a one-time \$11 student health fee. Financial aid is available. Classes are held at various campuses. Courses include labor and employment law; labor relations in health care, child care, aviation, and automotive industries; race and ethnicity, and economics in labor leadership. Call 415-267-6550 for more information.



THE SAN FRANCISCO ART COMMISSION GALLERY PRESENTS an exhibition of photographs by Julian C. R. Okwu, entitled "As I am: Young African American Women in a Critical Age," and an exhibition of the works of two emerging African American women artists, Stacy Pyles and Lava Thomas. The exhibit runs through August 7 at the SF Art Commission gallery, 401 Van Ness Ave. Gallery Hours are Wed. - Sat., noon - 5:30 p.m. Admission is free.

SAN FRANCISCO FAMILIES CAN LEARN about Brazil by hosting Brazilian students with good English skills arriving this August to experience the American way of life. Families willing to open their homes to a student are invited to participate. For fuller information call Andrea Baskinger at the American Institute for Foreign Study Foundation, 800 322-4678, ext. 6078.

THE S.F. WOMEN ARTISTS GALLERY presents a juried show of artwork in all media, entitled "Fog City Blues," August 3 to 28. A public reception will be held on Aug. 12, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., second and third Sundays 1-4:30 p.m. Contact Lee Puffer at 255-8383.

FREE SUMMER EVENING AT KID'S PLACE BY THE BAY The Bay Area Discovery Museum at Fort Baker, Aug. 26, from 5-8 p.m. Fans of Richard Scarry's "Busytown" can "play" workers at a grocery store, factory, construction site and shipyard. The Bay Area Discovery Museum, sponsored by the Gap Foundation, is an award-winning interactive learning center designed for children up to 10 years old. Summer Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Regular admission to the museum is \$6 for children, \$7 for adults, free for members and tots under one year old. For more info call (415) 487-4398, or visit the website at www.badm.org

SCULPTURE FROM FOUND OBJECTS, an exhibit of works by Jerry Barrish, will be on view beginning Tuesday, August 3, and running through August 28 at the Ebert Gallery, 49 Geary St., Tuesday - Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. A reception for the artist takes place Aug. 7, from 2-5 p.m. For more info call Richard Ebert at 415 296-8405.

THE TAO OF BOOKMAKING: Irene Chan, proprietor of Ch'An Press and Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland, gives a free evening lecture about photoprintmaking as a Taoist practist, Fri. August 6, at 7 p.m. at the S.F. Center for the Book, 300 DeHaro St. Admission is free. Call 565-0545 for information.

IF YOU ARE OVER THE AGE OF 60, you may become a member of the Sixty Plus group at S.F. State University. Benefits include meetings with outstanding speakers, day tours, occasional overnight tours, social events, auditing S.F. State courses on a space-available basis, SFSU library use. Student Union facilities, and discounts on performing arts, symphony and local theater companies. The annual fee to become a member is \$60. For information and an application form call (415) 566-9347.

UCSF IS CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS for a study on Macular Degeneration. This is for a clinical drug trial aimed at treating this age-related and incurable eye disease caused by deterioration of the retina. The researchers are looking for patients who are more than 50 years of age and have recently lost vision in one or both eyes. Interested persons should call Robert Bhambhani, MD, PhD at 476-0444.

MUSIC LESSONS FOR TALENTED YOUNG PEOPLE: Young musicians, ages 4-18, are invited to audition for the fall semester at the Preparatory Division of the S.F. Conservatory of Music. Auditions will be held August 25 through Sept. 4. For a free brochure and application, call 759-3429.

THE BASS TICKET FOUNDATION chose u program at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House as the winner of a Sony PlayStation (computer games, t-shirts and caps) for 1999. The winning program, called ZAP, was chosen because 30 or more enrolled youngsters attended at least one BASS-sponsored event per week and events of the performing arts, youth symphonies, dance, plays, chamber music concerts, and more. SONY presented the winners and complimented them for filling out "Critic for a Day" forms, and submitting "great thank you letters and drawings."

SAN FRANCISCO CHILDREN ARE waiting for permanent homes through adoption. Over 70 percent of S.F. children in foster care are African American. Individuals or couples interested in building a family through adoption are invited to attend an information meeting for the S.F. Child Project, on Tues., August 10, at 1650 Mission St., 2nd Fl., from 6-8 p.m. For info call toll free 1-888-SF CHILD.

STORY TIME AND GARDEN WALK FOR CHILDREN four to eight at Strybing Arboretum, Sun., August 15. A story will be read at 10:30 a.m., and the walk will begin at 11 a.m. It is free and open to the public. For more info call the Helen Russell Crocker Library at 661-1316, ext. 103.

DANCER KEITH TERRY COLLABORATES with Indonesian choreographer Wayan Dibia in the American performance premiere of "Body Tjuk/The Celebration" October 13-24 at Theater Artaud 450 Florida St. Tickets for Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday performances are \$20, Friday and Saturday \$22, \$2 off for seniors and students. The new work features a 12 member ensemble of musicians and dancers. For tickets call (415) 621-7797. For more info call (510) 559-9797.

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Q: How can I learn more about Composting?

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Composting benefits both you and the environment by naturally breaking down these organic materials into a dark rich soil amendment that will feed your plants. It also saves water in your garden when used as ground cover, and reduces pollution by diverting waste away from our landfills. You may even be able to reduce the size of your garbage can thereby reducing your garbage bill. You can learn how to compost at FREE workshops given year round by the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) and sponsored by the City and County of San Francisco's Recycling Program. These classes will teach you how to backyard compost as well as how to compost in a bin using worms (perfect for apartment residents). Below is the schedule of workshops for the next two months:

AUGUST 7, "Urban Composting Recipes" Learn to flavor your compost to match your gardening needs. Garden for the Environment, 7th Ave. at Lawton. 10 a.m. - noon.

AUGUST 14, "Urban Composting in Visitacion Valley" Learn to turn your spoils into soil at this workshop on basic and worm composting in the City. McLaren Park Garden, Leland at Hahn. 10 a.m. - noon.

AUGUST 28, "Composting Basics in North Beach" Learn the wonders compost can do for your garden and learn to use the Earth Machine and Wriggly Wrench worm bin. Paula Young Garden on Columbus and Bay. 10 a.m. - noon. Given in Cantonese.

SEPTEMBER 4, "Urban Composting in Bernal Heights" Learn to turn your spoils into soil at this workshop on basic and worm composting. St. Mary's Urban Youth Farm, Alemany at Ellsworth. 1 - 3 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 11, "Urban Composting in the Mission" Learn composting techniques which you can practice at your own home whether you have a backyard or live in an apartment. Given in Spanish and English. Alioto Park, Capp and 20th. 10 a.m. - noon.

SEPTEMBER 25, "Urban Composting" Learn to turn your spoils into soil at this workshop on basic and worm composting in the City. Garden for the Environment, 7th Ave. at Lawton St. 10 a.m. - noon.

For more information on workshops, free how-to-brochures, discount bin sales or composting in general please call SLUG's ROTLINE at 285-7585 or visit the website at "www.sfreecycle.org".

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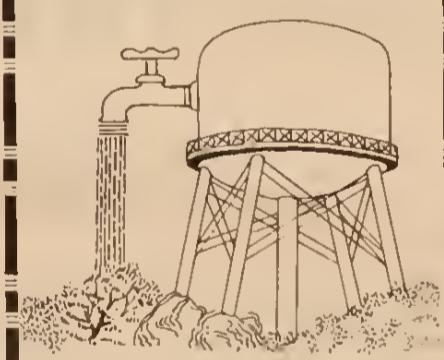
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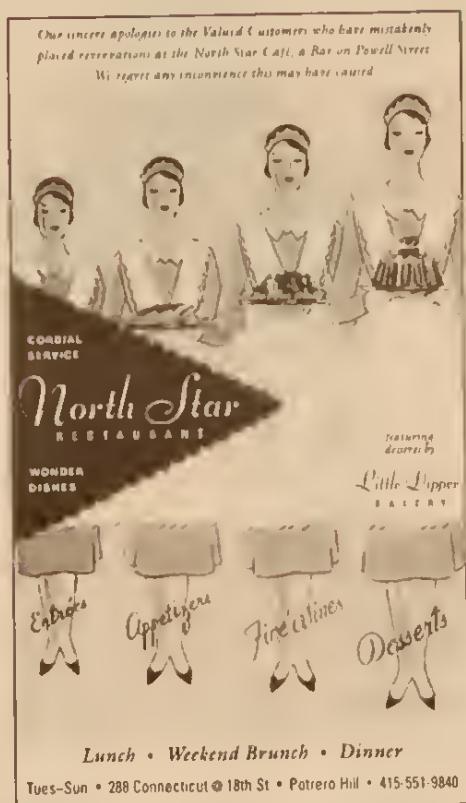
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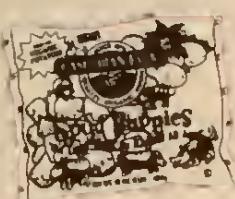


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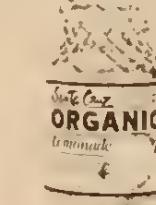
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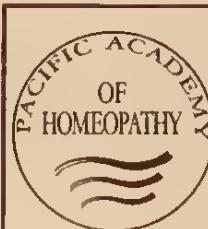
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